Remarks

The above preliminary amendment is made to cancel claims 129, 131, 134-139, 143, 149-153, 156-159, 162, 163, 167-171, 173-196, and 198-207 without prejudice or disclaimer. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue the cancelled claims in a continuing application.

Claim 142 is amended to include the features of cancelled claim 143. The remaining amendments relate to claim dependency.

Claims 1-126 were previously cancelled.

The preliminary amendment is made to comply with 37 CFR 1.75(b), and is not made to overcome an art based rejection.

No new matter is introduced by this amendment, and entry thereof is requested.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

It is believed that this application is in condition for examination. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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